

*Attorney Docket No.: EMC-01-082
Applicant: Michael S. Gadarowski et al*

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 3, 5 and 6. These sheets, which include Figs. 3, 5 and 6, replace the original sheets including Figs. 3, 5 and 6, i.e., Sheets 3/7; 5/7 and 6/7. In Figs. 3, 5 and 6, boxes in the figures were labeled with descriptive text, as required by the examiner.

Attachment: Replacement sheets 3/7; 5/7 and 6/7.

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REMARKS

In response to the final Office Action mailed November 1, 2005 the applicants respectfully request reconsideration. In the Office Action, claims 1-5 and 11-15 were rejected, claims 6-10 and 16-20 were objected to and Figs. 3-6 were objected to. Claims 6-10 and 16-20 were indicated as being allowable. By this amendment, claims 1, 5, 7-11, 14, 15 and 17-20 have been amended and claims 6 and 16 have been canceled. Therefore, claims 1-5, 7-15 and 17-20 are pending in this application.

Objection to the Drawings

The drawings were objected to because the examiner indicated that the boxes of Figs. 3-6 should be labeled with descriptive text. Applicants have amended Figs. 3, 5 and 6 to label the boxes with descriptive text. Replacement sheets 3/7; 5/7 and 6/7 are included with this response. No new matter has been added. No amendments were made to Fig. 4, as all of the boxes in the figure as originally filed included descriptive text.

Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that the objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

Claim Objections

Claims 5-11 and 14-20 were objected to because of the use of the word "may". Claims 5, 7-11, 14, 15, and 17-20 have been amended to remove any uncertainty that the use of the word "may" may have introduced into the claims.

Claims 9 and 19 were objected to based on the examiner's assertion that the phrase "one of" should be removed from the claims. Claims 9 and 19 have been so amended.

Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that the objection to the claims be withdrawn.

Rejection of Claims Under 35 U.S.C. §102 and 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 11, 12, 14 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Rawson, III (U.S. Patent No. 6,823,397). Furthermore, claims 3 and

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13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Rawson, III in view of Wallach et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,202,111).

However, the examiner did indicate that claims 6-10 and 16-20 were objected to, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Accordingly, without prejudice to the patentability of original independent claims 1 and 11, applicants have amended independent claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 6 and have amended independent claim 11 to include the limitations of claim 16. Claims 6 and 16 have therefore been canceled.

Since claims 6 and 16 were indicated as being allowable, their inclusion into independent claims 1 and 11, respectively, renders independent claims 1 and 11 allowable.

Claims 2-5 and 7-10 depend on independent claim 1 and are allowable for at least the same reasons as independent claim 1 and claims 12-15 and 17-20 depend on independent claim 11 and are allowable for at least the same reasons as independent claim 11.

Based on the foregoing, applicants respectfully assert that claims 1-5, 7-15 and 16-20 are allowable over the art of record and respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this application.

In the event the Patent Office deems personal contact desirable in disposition of this matter, the Office is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (508) 293-7835.

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